



Meagan Tuttle
Planning and Zoning Office
City Hall
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RE: Plan BTV New Cemetery, South End Location

Dear Meagan,

The Burlington Cemetery Commission has recently had several discussions regarding Lakeview Cemetery and limitations for sites. Currently, Lakeview is the only city owned cemetery available for interments as Elmwood and Greenmount are at capacity. There is increasing pressure to address changing trends in burials from traditional vault burials to cremations, green burials, and burial customs of other nationalities and religions.

The Commission is seeking funding to develop Section 6 and Section 8 of Lakeview's master layout in an effort to offer more burial opportunities, continue plantings, and buy time to find a new city cemetery location. The Commission requests that the Planning and Zoning Office include within Plan BTV provisions for a new city cemetery in the South End of Burlington. We would welcome coordination with Parks and the opportunity to attend any planning office meetings to assist with this discussion. Holli Bushnell, our office assistant, and Jeff Shedd could arrange a tour of Lakeview to help put things in perspective and aid in reviewing the type of site that could best serve the city.

Thank you in advance for addressing our request.

Sincerely,

Francis "Tag" Taginski
Cemetery Commission Chair

CC: Cindi Wight
Mayor Weinberger
Kurt Wright